



**Department of
Veterans Affairs**

**VETERAN'S APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION OR PENSION
VA FORM NUMBER 21-526**

A. QUESTIONS? GET FREE INFORMATION: If you have any questions about this form, how to fill it out, or need information about any other VA benefits, call us

NATIONWIDE TOLL-FREE NUMBER:

1-800-827-1000

(Hearing Impaired--TDD 1-800-829-4833)

B. YOU SHOULD USE THIS FORM TO:

(1) Apply for all VA benefits due to injury you received or illness you had while you were in military service (called Compensation Benefits);

(2) Apply for VA benefits due to disabilities not due to your military service (called Pension Benefits).

(3) Apply for both Compensation and Pension at the same time.

C. WHEN YOU ARE DONE WITH THIS FORM: Mail it or take it to a VA Regional Office.

D. REGIONAL OFFICE ADDRESS: You should call the VA toll-free number, 1-800-827-1000, for the address or location of the Regional Office. You might find that office's address in the blue pages of your telephone book. It may be under "United States Government, Veterans Affairs."

IMPORTANT

E. PLEASE FOLLOW THE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS for this form. They begin on page 3.

F. PRINT ALL ANSWERS CLEARLY. If you must write the answers, do so very clearly and plainly. If an answer is "None" or "O", write that. YOUR ANSWER TO EVERY QUESTION IS IMPORTANT to help us complete your claim.

G. YOU MUST SIGN AND DATE this application at the bottom of page 10.

H. MAKE A PHOTOCOPY OF THIS APPLICATION for your records before you mail it. Also, tear off and keep this instruction page and all other instruction pages.